U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary
of Transportation

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN

DOCKET OST-96-986

This serves as interim notice to the public of the action described below, taken orally by the Department official indicated; the confirming order or other decision document will be issued as soon as possible.

Applicant: **Lineas Aereas Privadas Argentinas, S.A.** Date Filed: January 7, 1998

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 U.S.C. § 41301 to conduct charter foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail between a Argentina and the United States; and to perform other charters in accordance with Part 212 of the Department's rules.1/

If renewal, date and citation of last action: New authority
Applicant representative: Pierre Murphy (202) 872-1679
Responsive Pleadings: On January 26, 1998, the Government of Puerto Rico filed an answer in support of LAPA's request.2/

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved   Action date: February 6, 1998

Effective dates of authority granted: February 6, 1998-February 6, 1999

Basis for approval (bilateral agreement/reciprocity): Reciprocity with Argentina

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated: Standard exemption conditions and the prior approval requirement for charter operations contained in Order 95-2-29.

Special conditions/Partial grant/Denial basis/Remarks:

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1/ Unlike past applications (see, e.g., Orders 95-2-29 and 95-2-5) in this instance LAPA has requested that it be permitted to conduct its Argentina-U.S. charter operations with its own aircraft and crews, as opposed to through wet leasing.
2/ Puerto Rico's answer was accompanied by a motion to file an otherwise unauthorized document. We granted the motion.

Action taken by:

      Paul L. Gretch, Director
      Office of International Aviation
      under assigned authority (14 CFR 385)

(Petitions for review may be filed from now until 10 days after the service date of the confirming order/letter. Filing of a petition shall not stay the effectiveness of this action.)